

REMARKS

The present application includes claims 1-17 and 20. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-17 and 20. By this Response, claims 1-17 and 20 have been canceled. New claims 21-40 have been added.

While the Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original, previously allowed claims, as well as other subject matter in the present application, the Applicant submits new claims 21-40 for consideration by the Examiner to obtain allowance. The Applicant refers to and incorporates the remarks made in the previous response dated September 20, 2006, and respectfully submits that the pending claims define allowable subject matter, and the Examiner's rejections should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-17 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wagner (U.S. Patent No. 4,903,201) in view of Daughtery (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2001/0056392) and further in view of Mosler et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,304,858).

The Applicant submits that the Examiner's rejection is moot in light of the cancellation of claims 1-17 and 20 and the introduction of new claims 21-40. The Applicant submits that new claims 21-40 should be allowable over any theoretical combination of Wagner, Daughtery and Mosler, which lacks the combination of limitations recited in pending claims 21-40.

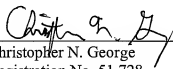
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims define allowable subject matter. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Examiner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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